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(2) If, as a result of this evaluation, it is determined that an economically feasible substitute substance or alternative technology is available, the contracting officer shall modify the contract to require the use of the substitute substance or alternative technology.

(3) If a substitute substance or alternative technology is not available, a written determination shall be made to that effect at a level no lower than a general or flag officer or member of the Senior Executive Service of the requiring activity.

### **211.272 Alternate preservation, packaging, and packing.**

Use the provision at 252.211-7004, Alternate Preservation, Packaging, and Packing, in solicitations which include military preservation, packaging, or packing specifications when it is feasible to evaluate and award using commercial or industrial preservation, packaging, or packing.

### **211.273 Substitutions for military or Federal specifications and standards.**

#### **211.273-1 Definition.**

*SPI process*, as used in this section, is defined in the clause at 252.211-7005, Substitutions for Military or Federal Specifications and Standards.

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#### **211.273-2 Policy.**

(a) Under the Single Process Initiative (SPI), DoD accepts SPI processes in lieu of specific military or Federal specifications or standards that specify a management or manufacturing process.

(b) DoD acceptance of an SPI process follows the decision of a Management Council, which includes representatives of the contractor, the Defense Contract Management Agency, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, and the military departments.

(c) In procurements of previously developed items, SPI processes that previously were accepted by the Management Council shall be considered valid replacements for military or Federal specifications or standards, absent a

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specific determination to the contrary (see 211.273-3(c)).

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### **211.273-3 Procedures.**

(a) Solicitations for previously developed items shall encourage offerors to identify SPI processes for use in lieu of military or Federal specifications and standards cited in the solicitation. Use of the clause at 252.211-7005 satisfies this requirement.

(b) Contracting officers shall ensure that—

(1) Concurrence of the requiring activity is obtained for any proposed substitutions prior to contract award;

(2) Any necessary additional information regarding the SPI process identified in the proposal is obtained from the cognizant administrative contracting officer; and

(3) In competitive procurements, prospective offerors are provided the opportunity to obtain verification that an SPI process is an acceptable replacement for a military or Federal specification or standard for the particular procurement prior to the date specified for receipt of offers.

(c) Any determination that an SPI process is not acceptable for a specific procurement shall be made prior to contract award at the head of the contracting activity or program executive officer level. This authority may not be delegated.

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### **211.273-4 Contract clause.**

Use the clause at 252.211-7005, Substitutions for Military or Federal Specifications and Standards, in solicitations and contracts exceeding the micro-purchase threshold, when procuring previously developed items.

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### **211.274 Item identification and valuation.**

#### **211.274-1 General.**

Unique item identification and valuation is a system of marking and valuing items delivered to DoD that will